

The Second National Front of Escambray
National Directorate

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Secretary-General of the United Nations
New York

Dear Sir,

The Second National Front of Escambray and Alpha 66 which carried out a commando raid on the port of Isabella de Sagua, attacking a Russian military ship and encampment, taking into account the diplomatic Note sent by the Russian Government to the United States Department of State, wishes to state the following:

1. That the Second National Front of Escambray and Alpha 66 assume entire responsibility for the action carried out.
2. That the weapons used by our forces were Finnish 20 millimetre cannons, Belgian machine-guns and Cuban ships which were recovered by patriots. It is thus false and a perversion of the truth to state that we received material assistance from the Government of the United States. If our forces had received a tenth part of the arms which the Russians have delivered to the Cuban Communists, Cuba would already be free.
3. That the Soviet ship was unloading arms and military equipment of various kinds destined for the Russian camp which is there, for use against the people of Cuba.
4. We condemn the fact that the Russian Government and its invasion troops, which are polluting our native soil, have made Cuba one more colony of Soviet imperialism. They alone are responsible for what is happening and what is to happen in Cuba.

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5. That the liberty of Cuba cannot be traded either by the Russian Government or by the Government of the United States, for the war of liberating independence is a duty and a right of the Cubans and we Cubans shall make war like the Mambises [Cuban rebels].

6. That the Second National Front of Escambray and Alpha 66 operate from secret bases in the Caribbean, outside the territory of the United States, and obey only the orders of the People of Cuba, for it is they who are making war, and we shall therefore continue the struggle with commando raids, guerrilla actions and sabotage on the soil of Cuba itself until we have attained our liberty and independence.

Yours very respectfully,

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